

**WRITING ASSESSMENT**  
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**G 23a**

Most celebrities are known for their wealth, especially since we live in a status symbol society. While their jobs do require working, many people feel the millions these stars receive are unnecessary and far too large. Celebrities do not deserve to make such a great deal of money because their salaries are much larger than those of people more deserving, the alternatives the money could be used for, and the true significance of a celebrity to society.

One reason that one could argue that celebrities are getting paid too much is that the salaries of people doing much more work are significantly smaller than those of stars. For instance, the President of the United States ~~receives~~ receives about \$400,000 a year, not including benefits. A celebrity may receive \$20,000,000 for playing a role in a movie, plus the receive a portion of the film's profits. While acting is a talent that requires much work to master an actor is certainly not working as hard as the commander of the most powerful country in the world. You can see by this example that celebrities are being overpaid for their work.

Another way of approaching this discussion is to look at how money could be used in alternative ways. For example, a designer may pay one million dollars for a model to appear in a fashion show. Most designers have humanitarian programs they claim to be committed to, but they are giving much more to the famous than they are to the poor. The money used to overpay models so that they can spoil themselves could be used to feed the hungry, care for the sick, and clothe the poor. Obviously, a change in spending would be needed, so a celebrity's salary ~~should~~ should be reevaluated.

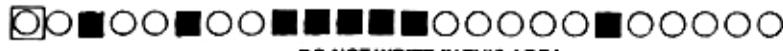
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A third view of this topic points out the lack of a need for celebrities in our society. They play a big role in our social structure. They teach 10-year-olds what is cool and what isn't (although their parents may not approve). But the fact of the matter is that celebrities really should not be so important. If you compare a celebrity to a humanitarian, the humanitarian is being much more helpful in our world. There is no argument that Oprah is doing more in Africa than Kobe Bryant, for example. Clearly, the celebrity figure shouldn't be so important.

There are T.V. shows dedicated to them, movies made by them, and awards given to them, but the fact is that celebrities are being overpaid. Why should fans Hilton be rewarded for saying, "That's Hot"? Because of their salaries compared to others, the alternatives in spending money, and the need for their importance to be eliminated, celebrities are overpaid.

### Score Point: 6

This response reflects an outstanding degree of proficiency in persuasive writing skills. The writer's position that celebrities make more money than they deserve is strongly stated. The key ideas are specific, well developed, and thought provoking. Outstanding syntactic variety and facility in the use of language are evident throughout (true significance of a celebrity to society, money could be used in alternative ways, and humanitarian programs they claim to be committed to). In addition, the response is complete and unified with a strong persuasive tone.



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